



WAFTA OGM Minutes 17th June 2021

Present: J Johnson (Chair) Tondu. R. Beaugie (Secretary) Castleton. G. Robinson (Treasurer) Quarry. P. Isaacs, Castleton. S. Evans, Lampeter. S. Poulter, Oaktree. H. Lloyd, G. James, B/Gwent. B. Langford, Observer

1. **Apologies for absence.** John Lewis, Mark Bassett, Nelson

2. **Minutes of last meeting & Matters arising**

Lampeter queried the statement made in the previous minutes about trophies being purchased for the Winter league 2020-21. Gwynne said that three sets of trophies were purchased, so there should have been a set for the winter league, but then thought it may have been the previous year that had been purchased. It was agreed that trophies should have been purchased for this years Winter league and John J said he would sort something out.

With no other matters arising, it was agreed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the AGM. Proposed by Castleton, seconded by B/Gwent. All in favour.

3. **Officers Reports** No Reports from the Officers

4. **BFTA OGM. Discuss and agree on Agenda items**

- The BFTA meeting has been postponed until the 24th July due to ongoing Covid restrictions.
- With Weston park being unavailable for the BFTA Euro's, there are 3 regions offering to host a 2 day Euro's event in its place: Nelson/WAFTA, Redfearns/NEFTA and a new ground at Wellingborough/MFTA. Nelson has indicated that if other regions wanted to host, then they would rather not. The decision was to back the MFTA bid, but if that fell through, Nelson would host.
- The Showdown will not take place this year as there are no qualifying GP's. Instead, a proposal to host a competition by Blackbrook comprising of 2 x 30 shot courses has been put forward. WAFTA indicated we would be in favour of this proposal.
- Northern Ireland Field Target Association have applied to join the BFTA. The laws covering Air Rifles are much stricter than in England and Wales, which could cause issues if N.I. wished to host a BFTA event. Cost of travel was another issue, but as N.I. is part of the UK, it was felt that we should back the application.
- There are a number of committee vacancies that need to be filled at the next BFTA AGM and volunteers are being sought for Grading Officer, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Web Manager.

5. **NSRA FT Coaching course.** A good response for the course with 14 people booked on the course which will take place on the 2nd and 3rd October at Sophia Gardens. WTFSF are providing the room for training and a 50 metre outdoor range

6. **WAFTA Safeguarding Officer** – volunteer required. After some discussion about the requirements and duties of a Safeguarding Officer, Brian offered to take on the role. Thank you Brian.

6. **WTFSF 2500 Youngsters “First shot to Top shot” project – to encourage young people to take up target shooting – WAFTA Support required.**

A discussion took place around the requirements to enable WAFTA to participate in this project. Non animal shape targets would be needed and WTFSF would provide a grant to purchase these. A suitable venue would have space to have laser rifle, 10 meter air rifle and laser shotgun as well as FT. Schools and youth organisations would be contacted and invited to have a go. Blaenau Gwent offered to host such an event. WAFTA are also looking for volunteers to go to other venues and promote Field Target, with all expenses being met by WTFSF.

7. **Membership/ payment database.** WTFSF are funding a database for target shooting in Wales. WAFTA would have access to this and also individual clubs at no cost. There are many benefits to using this database and more details will be publicised soon.

8. **Welsh Shooting Gala.** Is an event being planned for later in the year and WAFTA has been invited to take part, promoting Field Target. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

9. **Grand Slam.**

With only 16 out of an expected 30 turning up for the Grand Slam. A lengthy discussion took place on whether to continue the competition. The current discipline vs non-discipline and no Open class format was questioned.

A suggestion was put forward that we have 16 PCP/Piston qualifiers and 8 Open qualifiers and add an “Opt in” box to the booking in sheet. It was further proposed that the trophies for this would be 1st, 2nd and 2 runners up for PCP/Piston and 1st and 2nd for Open class. A figure of £100 was suggested as a payment to be paid to the hosting club. It was decided that this proposal be put to the membership and vote via email, then Ratify at the next meeting which would include an EGM.

10. **WFTC and EFTC team selection process for 2022** Italy are going to use the same formula as used in the last 3 World championships- beginning with team places to each country, then offering extra places as they become available. This means that we will initially be offered 10 places, 6 PCP and 4 Piston. Team selection is the best 4 from 7 scores in this summer series. With any top ten placed shooter from the previous Worlds getting automatic qualification.

John was asked if he would push for a junior place to be made available in the selection process in WFTF, as currently there was little chance of a junior gaining a place through the team selection, but the WFTF should be promoting the Championships to the younger shooters.

The 2023 World Championships was also discussed as there are some people who have already paid and it was thought that they should have priority. The meeting broadly

disagreed with this, as it was felt that there would be sufficient places available to any who had pre-paid.

11. Welsh Open date and venue. It was decided that with no major shoot planned in Wales this year, the Welsh Open would be postponed until 2022.

For next year's GP, B/Gwent has offered to host the 2022 GP, but would need help from other clubs to put out the course. B/Gwent requested a later date for the GP, so WAFTA will ask for GP 9 which should be August 28th

12. WAFTA/SWEFTA Challenge. The first round is at Oaktree on July 4th and the second round is Mendip on September 12th. We need to locate the Challenge shield, which is being held by one of our members.

8 trophies were awarded to the 8 highest scoring competitors from either team at the last challenge shoot. It was suggested that we make contact with Air Arms through Jack or Doz, to try and get sponsorship for trophies for this year's challenge.

13. 2021-22 Winter Series shoot dates and venues.

October 17 th 2021	Lampeter
October 31 st 2021	Tondu
November 14 th 2021	Castleton
November 28 th 2021	Quarry
December 12 th 2021	Nelson
January 10 th 2022	Blaenau Gwent
January 24 th 2022	Oaktree
February 7 th 2022	Grand Slam - Tondu

We will continue with no money being paid to WAFTA from entries and for badges for the Winter series.

14. AOB

Caps and badges for the Inters team are being sourced by Jack (we believe)

The subject of C class being integrated with B was raised by B/Gwent and discussed. It has caused upset amongst some members who believe it is detrimental to the sport and putting new shooters off. It was pointed out that the reason for integrating C and B class was because we were getting so few C class attending. The change was made for a 1 year trial and would be reviewed at the next AGM.

15. Date of next Meeting (EGM followed by OGM) will be 2nd November 2021

Meeting ended 20.57

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